



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: )

WATANABE et al )

) Examiner: Valencia, Daniel

Filed: June 21, 2001 )

Serial No.: 09/868,766 )

For: OPTICAL FIBER ATTENUATOR )  
WITH ATTENUATING DOPANT )  
LIMITED TO A CENTRAL OR )  
PERIPHERAL AREA OF THE )  
FIBER CORE )

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 14501  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the "final" action of July 25, 2003, please amend the captioned application  
as follows:

